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1. On 31 January 1955 the Ministry of Railroads issued a confidential directive to the chiefs (Praesidenten) of all East German state railway directorates concerning railroad employees to be made immediately available for agricultural work. About 3 percent of the total number of railroad personnel is expected to be affected by this directive.
2. Although the directive has not brought about any positive results so far, it is nevertheless expected that the required number of employees will be dismissed by the state railway directorates in order to make them available for agricultural work.
3. This directive forbids the hiring of agricultural workers for railroad work. Infractions are to be punished severely.

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